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COONEY COLD STORAGE STARTS

The Cape Ann Cold Storage Company, with its new and finely equipped storage plant has commenced business. The freezer is one of the finest along the coast and will be managed by Anthony Cooney, one of the hustling members of the firm, and well known among the fresh fish and bait buyers.

Week's Landings at Boston.

Arrivals of groundfish at Boston for the week ending February 19 totalled 2,439,565 pounds from 87 fares as compared with 567,035 pounds from 30 arrivals for the corresponding week of 1914.

Among the Fleet.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. Andrew Gouverneau, has been fitted for Georges handlining and sailed today.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Crowell, has been fitted for a similar trip.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel received at Boston to date are 24,426 barrels of the 1914 catch as compared with 28,853 barrels of the 1913 catch.

Going Halibuting.

Capt. George Dodman will commence Tuesday to fit out the sch. Harmony for the fresh halibut fishery.

Two More Haul Out.

Steamers Dolphin and Medomak have hauled out of the gill net fishery for a while.

CLOSE CALL FOR SCH. FALLON

Returning from a four weeks' bank trip the sch. John J. Fallon arrived at Portland, Sunday with 40,000 pounds of fish, most of her catch having been made on Brown's Bank. Capt. O'Brien reports a rough trip, his vessel narrowly escaping being totally wrecked while making Halifax during a heavy gale accompanied by blinding snow, she piling up on Major's Beach, just outside the port, losing part of her keel besides other damage. After being floated she went on the railway at Halifax, being detained there about 10 days. Most of her catch was cod and haddock and in fine condition.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut company for 13 cents per pound for white and ten cents for gray.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, is in Portland this morning with 20,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

Taking Salt.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty is taking salt for salt trawl banking.

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LENTEN RUSH IS NOT GREAT

Fares at Boston Today Number 13—Prices Just About an Average.

Moderate receipts of fresh fish continue at Boston with average prices. Although Lent has entered on its second week, prices are not up to what might be expected, although the fishermen have been doing fairly well.

At the new pier, 10 arrivals were reported and three fares at T wharf. The off shores in were schs. Richard, Frances S. Grueby and the steamer Billow.

Wholesalers \$3 to \$5 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5 to \$6 for large and \$3 for market cod, \$3 to \$6 for hake, \$4 to 4.50 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

ARRIVALS AT BOSTON FISH PIER.

Str. Billow, 103,000 haddock, 500 cod, Sch. Richard, 24,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 6000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Harriett, 8000 haddock, 600 cod, Sch. Adeline, 4000 haddock, 800 cod, Sch. Mary DeCosta, 2000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake, 300 cusk.

Sch. Progress, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 19,000 haddock, 1300 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 50,000 haddock, 1400 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos 25,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Sch. Priscilla, 3000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 1300 haddock, 1700 cod.

Haddock, \$3 \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$8; hake, \$3 to \$6; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$1.50.

Provincetown Fishing News.

The gasoline schooner which went ashore at the West end this winter was taken off by Frank Raymond and crew Sunday and docked at Jackson Williams wharf.

The hearing to parties interested in the deepening of the waters of Lewis bay was held at the State House Wednesday of last week. It developed that this petition interested many besides the Hyannis people, and was favored all along the Cape shore from Provincetown to Falmouth.

Representative Jerome S. Smith of the third Barnstable district, Captain John F. Silva of the Provincetown fishing fleet that find a harbor here during the fishing season, and Captain Charles Harty and James M. Burke of the Provincetown board of trade were present, and spoke favorably on the petition. No opposition developed and the committee expect to view the territory in March.

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NOTHING COMES 'ROUND POINT

No arrivals were reported here up to noon today. Fresh fish landings yesterday were those of the gill netters, the total of which, however, would not equal an ordinary sized fare.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Boston.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, Boston.

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Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland herring, \$3.25 per bbl. for salt bulk, \$4.25 per bbl. for pickled.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.50; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.25.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.15; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, round, 80c; dressed, 90c.

Fresh halibut 13c for white and 10c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3c per lb.

Think Lunenburg Lost.

The sch. W. Cortada, owned at Lunenburg, N. S., has been posted as lost with all on board. Her crew consisted of Capt. Edwin Bachman and seven men. The Cortada is 42 days out on a voyage from Lunenburg to Ponce, P. R., with a cargo of fish and lumber. Her owners, Zwicker & Co., Limited, believe she was lost in the gale of Jan. 13, two days after she left port. Lunenburg has lost two vessels this winter, the Wilfred M. having fallen prey to the German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm on a voyage to Bahia recently and the Fleetly having been abandoned at sea. In neither case, however, was there loss of life.

Fitting Sch. Elk.

Capt. Patrick Murphy, one of the best known skippers sailing out of this port will now fit sch. Elk for the fresh haddock fishery and later in the season will go shacking.

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NO BIG DEMAND FULTON MARKET

The week, marking the opening of the Lenten season, did not cause a demand for salt water fish as was expected, says the Fishing Gazette. During the first two days there was a very light demand for salt on Wednesday the market showed improvement, and all varieties of moved much faster than during preceding days. On Thursday and Friday for which there was in the market the demand was good, particularly as regards frozen fish. Earlier in the week market was against the frozen duct.

As is usually the case at this time of year, there was a good demand for frozen herring. The stock notes over large prices were high, selling at \$8 to \$9 per barrel.

There was a good deal of activity in the market this week, eastern boats caught very large quantities and considerable shipments made to this market, stock selling 1 1-2 to 2 cents per pound.

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Halibut—Western whitefish, 9 to 11 cents each day with the exception of Saturday, when sales made at 7 to 8 cents. It was week's fish that sold at that price. Eastern white halibut was quoted 18 cents, and 12 cents for gray.

Both steak and market cod brought little money on any day. Steak for the week was quoted at 5 to 10 and market fish at 2 1-2 cents per cent.

AS NEW YORK SEES SALT FISH

Concerning the salt fish market the Fishing Gazette says:

One New York authority says a pessimistic note, which is not in accord with several others. He says: "The Lenten demand has been disappointing to merchants. Buying continues of a hand-to-mouth order and the volume of business from day to day falls considerably below the seasonal average. However, there is no danger shown by sellers to force goods on an ancient market and prices are steadily up to the level of quotations."

"I note the report that the merchants of the West Indies have procured two-thirds of the salt fish they buy ordinarily up to this time of year," says the executive of a New York house last week. "I guess that we are sending fish to the right places then. We have sent five carloads to the West Indies in one lick lately."

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Capt. Cooney Bound Home.

Capt. Frank Cooney, who took sch. Lima south last fall and has made several trips in the snapper fishery arriving there, is on his way home from Pensacola and is expected to arrive some time during the week.

am Trawler Doing Well at Canso.

The steam trawler Hayondor arrived Canso, Friday with a trip of 120,000 pounds of haddock and halibut. This was 250,000 pounds landed by the trawler in two weeks. Dealers are just completing a nice harvest of splendid quality.

THE ETIQUETTE OF FISHING

Some Rules for Those Who Get Their Living from the Deep.

Says the Portland Evening Express: Running along the coast at this season, are large schools of codfish seeking a place to deposit their spawn. These are fish that only at this time of the year are found so near the shore, their natural abiding place being far out at sea in deep water. The places where this spawn is deposited are of limited area and of course are eagerly sought after by fishermen, for unlike most varieties of fish, the codfish bite any time.

An ordinary Hampton fishing boat can cover only a certain amount of area literally, but by judicious or inefficient use of the anchor rode line, a fisherman inclined to "hog" can entirely bar out any one he so desires. First on the ground, he naturally selects, with due reference to the wind and tide, such place as he knows from past experience will prove satisfactory to catch. He runs a certain distance ahead of where he desires to be, throws his anchor and pays out his line until he is located to his satisfaction.

Another fisherman has been running on the same shoal or ledge. If he follows fisherman etiquette, he can take his choice of but two berths, on the right or left of the first anchored boat, and when his anchor in turn goes down, when his boat brings up, he is on the right hand side of the right or left hand side of his neighbor, with bow and stern even with the other boat.

If the first fisherman has been there long enough to have toiled the fish up to him, and has caught a few, it is all out with the other boat, its occupants can fish, but owing to some regular custom among fishes, they seldom desert one boat for another.

The fish at this time of year do not stay in any place very long, and a result, may not have another school of fish on it for a month. On November 7th of 1914, a spectator sat in his motor boat a short distance from Whaleboat Island and saw a fisherman (and lining) take 600 pounds of fish as fast as he could pull them from the water. The next day there were eight boats fishing in about the same place, and the aggregate crews did not catch over 30 pounds of fish.

Beware of anchoring under another man's stern, when he is fishing. It is practically equivalent to going down in a diver's suit and removing fish from his hook. One may "get away" with his trick once, but that once will give the offender a reputation among the fleet, that will remain with him forever.

If one is a "highlander" and by this term the island visitors that go fishing are known, he should think carefully before he picks the largest fish to carry to his boarding house as a trophy of his skill. Not but what he is entitled to the fish, of that there can be no doubt, but does he really need it as much as his boatman does? To the latter it represents money, to the vacationist simply the gratification of a little vanity.

Don't ask a fisherman if he has any spare bait, if you chance to run up times out of ten he will pass over some. It makes no difference as to the kind, herring, winkles or clams, it means an expenditure of his time.

During the early winter of 1914-1915 five boats stayed in the Royal river all night, when the herring were running in order to get bait early enough to catch the morning tide. Still it is safe to say that any member of the crew of those boats would have helped some other fisherman from their scanty store if asked. Casco bay fishermen are generous to a fault.

Do not blame a fisherman if you employ him to take you out and you do not catch the fish. Don't say when you get in from your trip "I was out with so and so, and never had a bite," and then add, "I never will go with him again." Stop for a moment and think what such a remark can easily be made to mean by the time it has been repeated once or twice. You have practically deprived the fisherman of part of his chance of obtaining a livelihood and have given him no opportunity to reply in his own defense. In an acquaintance covering several years, we have never yet seen a Casco bay fisherman, professional or semi-professional, that did not give the best service he could to his employer. Success means further employment, satisfaction, judicious advertising.

Do not expect impossibilities, in other words, do not expect others to do what you would be unwilling to do yourself. If you ask a fisherman where you could go and get a good catch of fish, if he knew and was a fisherman, would he tell you? Would you go up to him and ask him in the same manner for \$2 to spend in some foolish way? Fish is money, and money is life. All you would get out of catching two or three hundred pounds of fish would be the amusement for the time being. On the other hand any fisherman that knew of such a place, and told a rank outsider of it, would be deserving of pity.

One thing more, according to the Declaration of Independence, "all men are born free and equal." Try not to forget this. "Nothing is so certain as a well settled idea of superiority, to prove the inferiority of the man who has that opinion of himself." Pass the helping hand. You are going through this world but once. No matter how many things you think you know, you do not know them all. Never mind the fisherman's clothes, his ways or his conversation. In all these things he may differ from you, but as Robert Burns says: "A man's a man for a' that."

ONE HALIBUT FARE IN TODAY

The Few Gill Netters Going Bring in Only Small Catches.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, arrived during the morning with a 12,000 pound fare of fresh halibut. This is Capt. Stream's first trip this year, the craft having been absent since January 22.

The gill netters did but little yesterday, the few crafts out having small lifts. None of them were out today.

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Str. Quartette, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting, 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut, 3000 pounds salt cod.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, shore.

Sch. Harriett, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

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Sch. Patriot, haddocking.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Newfoundland sealing.

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Capt. Spinney Going.

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CATCH NEARLY ONE HALF SCROD

Four Beam Trawlers at Boston Have Over 100,000 Lbs.

Immature Haddock.

The arrival of four beam trawlers at Boston this morning with over 225,000 pounds of fresh fish constituted the bulk of the morning's supply. Of this amount, 105,000 pounds, or nearly half, was scrod, however.

Other off shores in were schs. Pontiac, 50,000 pounds; Vanessa, 44,000 pounds.

At T wharf, two small arrivals were reported, sch. Stranger with 5000 pounds and the Advance, 4000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations were \$3.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for large and \$3 for market cod, \$3 to \$5.50 for hake, \$4 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

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Sch. Jorgina, 2500 haddock, 1600 cod, 3000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Str. Breaker, 54,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Str. Swell, 56,000 haddock, 2200 cod.

Str. Surf, 54,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Str. Crest, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Vanessa, 20,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Valerie, 14,000 haddock, 10 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 40,000 haddock, 57 cod, 2500 hake, 3500 cusk, 150 halibut.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.

ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

Str. Ranger, 2000 haddock, 3000 hake.

Sch. Advance, 1800 cod, 1500 hake.

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